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Dominican Republic: Disarmament by the rebels continues at a slow pace despite the conciliatory policies of the provisional government.

The rebels have not turned over a significant number of arms to the new regime but have dismantled some defenses. The rebel zone is still not under the control of the provisional government.

Many rebels, not satisfied with the removal of General Wessin, are demanding further changes in the top military leadership. They also do not seem to be reassured by the reported withdrawal of most armed forces units in the northern sector of Santo Domingo to their barracks.

Garcia Godoy claims to be satisfied with the rate of disarmament and seems to be relying on Caamano's assurances that all arms will be collected shortly. The provisional president has announced that top military leaders will be retained in their jobs for the present.

Tension in the rebel area is being sustained by the apprehensions of rebel militants over their future, and by food and housing shortages. Cancellation of a rebel demonstration scheduled for yesterday may have reduced the immediate possibility of disorder.

A number of exiles have returned to the country, including four extremists, three of whom participated in the ill-fated 1963 guerrilla campaign. At least one unsavory associate of Trujillo is back. Godoy has, however, prohibited the entry of Maximo Lopez Molina, Cuban-trained leader of the Dominican Popular Movement, who was recently in China.

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Cyprus: Turkey remains firm in its intention to rotate its contingent on Cyprus as scheduled on the morning of 14 September, according to the secretary general of the Turkish Foreign Ministry.

On the island the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish charge, together with UN officials, appear on the way to a compromise agreement regarding the equipment and personnel of the incoming Turkish forces, although the US Embassy noted that some details still must be "haggled out."

The Greek Cypriots have been insisting on complete identity checks, and control over equipment to prevent stockpiling. They fear the Turks are shipping out Cypriot students to enable Turkish officers to remain clandestinely.

The possibility raised earlier by the Cypriot foreign minister that his government might take this impasse to the UN Security Council was not mentioned during talks on 11 September between the UN representative on Cyprus and Archbishop Makarios.

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Jordan: [Jordan's inability thus far to buy Mirage jet fighters from France will leave King Husayn in a weak position to resist United Arab Command (UAC) pressure to purchase MIGs from the Soviet Union.]

[At the Arab summit conference in Casablanca, scheduled to begin today, the commander in chief of the UAC reportedly plans to push for a substantial beefing up of the Arab armed forces. This proposal is said to call for the stationing of Iraqi troops in Jordan and, until Jordanian air defenses are increased, for the stationing of Egyptian fighter aircraft there. It also recommends that Jordan have a total of five supersonic fighter squadrons and two air bases. Adoption of such a plan would intensify pressure on Jordan to acquire its own MIGs.]

[The French have offered Jordan an improved model of their Mirage III fighter, but it will be unavailable for delivery until 1969 and costs more than four times the price of a MIG, on which UAC allocations are based. King Husayn views these terms as totally out of the question, and has sent an urgent appeal to the US for help.]

[At the conference, the Jordanian delegation hopes to stall by claiming that negotiations with the French are still in progress. However, this maneuver would at best result in an extension of only a few weeks. An unfavorable US response would make it difficult for Jordan to continue to resist the UAC demands.]

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NOTE

Congo: The power struggle between President Kasavubu and Premier Tshombé appears to have cooled off for the time being. The Belgian ambassador to Leopoldville reports that, after a series of "tough talks" held on 9 and 10 September, they have come to an agreement under which Kasavubu will rename Tshombé prime minister in a new government to be formed after the calling of Parliament, now scheduled to convene on 20 September. The basic divisive issues--including the question of whether Tshombé intends to run for president--are unresolved, however, and any lessening of friction between the two is probably temporary.

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